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UP THE NATAL

MAIN LINE

A Railroad Ride in South Africa

Not all the railway lines in Africa are good. We at Ammanford are on the South Coast line, getting old cars and relatively poor service. But on the Natal Main Line, connecting Durban with the Transvaal and Orange Free State, the service is excellent. I have been up this line as far as Morriavale, Natal, 88 miles from Durban.

Africa is a hard land for the railroads. The many steep grades, the long distances, the sparse population, all make it difficult for the railways to give good service. It has not been possible hitherto to build expensively and well. Railways have had to be put through in any way that was possible; hence cuts and fills are avoided, giving a very shaky set of lines.

Most of the carriages are on the regulation British type, a set of separate compartments, each with two seats facing each other, and a door at each end. But on the Main Line they have cars more after the American style, with platforms at the end, and a corridor off which the compartments open. The platforms have seats on them, and have a railing all around. Passengers are encouraged to ride there.

Two or three things must be noted. The gauge of all African railways—except the 2-foot narrow-gauge lines—is 3 feet 6 inches. On this they run cars about as high and wide as the Boston elevated trains—the same size as all British cars. Our Durban Trunk cars could not get through any African tunnel. Of course they have the system of first, second, and third class. Indians and natives travel third class and second; "Europeans" (whites) first and second. Fares are high, but modified by frequent cheap excursion facilities. All African railways are government-owned.

We left Durban on one of these corridor trains, on an April morning. For five miles we went along the level Congella flats, skirting Durban bay. Then at South Coast Junction, we began to travel inland, up a steep grade, curving and twisting all the way. For 15 miles this grade of 120 feet to the mile continued. At Bellair, 3 miles from S. C. Junction, we began to get the views over Durban bay and among the bush-clad hills. As we went up past Northdene, Sarnia, etc., groups of red tin-roofed houses embowered in flowers, our view became wilder, and we looked into many beautiful bush-filled valleys. At Pietstown, twelve miles from Durban and a thousand feet up, we came out onto a huge amphitheater among the hills, with low cliffs bordering it. Here bush began to give place to grassveld.

We wound up along the hillside, reaching a plateau two thousand feet high at Botha's Hill, 20 miles from Durban.

Soon after this we dodged around some kopjes, and—what a view! A miniature Grand Canyon of Arizona stretched away from our track, paralleling it. This was the Valley of a Thousand Hills. Fifteen hundred feet down we looked, down across (cliff) and slope, to the Umgeni River. As we skirted this valley, we could look off many miles across the Valley of a Thousand Hills, to flat topped Hoffmann Mountain and the Branda Hills. It was the Vlak of the old stories.

We passed on, through grass veld and large plantations of dark green eucalyptus and Australian wattle trees. We emerged out and in among the bush, and the bare "N'Tabanga Hills. We climbed over the crest of these, and the two hills of the Natal Pioneer cutting horsehoses on the hillside, and out of each little valley, came on to a shelf high as a canyon's side. Suddenly the valley turned a corner, and came shallower, and we were at Incaanga, thirty miles from Durban. We had taken two hours to come this distance; we stopped 20 minutes for lunch.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Choir rehearsal Thursday evening at the chapel.

An Easter sermon Sunday morning with music by choir and choir.

The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper will also be observed.

A part of the new pew cushions will be in place next Sunday.

The Easter concert will begin at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

All Scouts who have not passed to second class are invited to the parsonage Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Robert Hanson and Eugene Van Den Kerckhoven have received the badge of first class Scouts.

Harold Taylor has recently joined our troop.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Curtis, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Sunday meeting by the Young People's Christian Union at 6:45 A. M.

First bell rings at 6:30, last bell at 6:45. Pastor, people and young people of the other churches are cordially invited to come and participate in the service.

The subject of the sermon at the forenoon service will be, "The Resurrection, Rising to the Higher Life."

There will be special music as follows:

Chorus Choir of twelve voices, "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen," Caledonians.

Solo, "Easter Dawn," R. H. Woodman.

Solo, "Holy City," Mrs. Hastings.

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Solo, "Calvary," Mr. Chapin.

At the close of the service there will be a reception of new members into the church closing with the communion.

Last Sunday evening, at the close of the usual service, ten active members were received into the Union, and one associate member.

Mr. J. S. Hutchins was presiding officer at the reception and performed his duty in an able and impressive manner after which there was an informal social.

In the chapel. There were Bible questions and songs, after which ice cream and cake were served.

The Ladies' Circle will present "The Old Peabody Pew," the first week in May.

ERNEST W. GODWIN.

Ernest W. Godwin, the son of Horatio and Mary Chandler Godwin, died last Sunday morning at the age of 43 years.

Mr. Godwin was born in Upton but came to Bethel when but four years old and has ever since claimed Bethel as his home. Late years he has been one of the popular guides of the lake country during the fishing and hunting seasons.

He is survived by two brothers, Wirt and Chandler Godwin of Melford, Mass., and a step mother, who has been all that an own mother could be and with whom he has made his home.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. R. Godwin, Rev. W. C. Curtis officiating. Beautiful flowers from former employees spoke silent words of appreciation.

Soon we commenced a long descent to the Umgeni valley. Finally, in the valley, we saw a town, all red brick and red roofs. This was Pietstown, always called Maritzburg here. We came here as we were of the bare "N'Tabanga Hills. We climbed over the crest of these, and the two hills of the Natal Pioneer cutting horsehoses on the hillside, and out of each little valley, came on to a shelf high as a canyon's side. Suddenly the valley turned a corner, and came shallower, and we were at Incaanga, thirty miles from Durban. We had taken two hours to come this distance; we stopped 20 minutes for lunch.

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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mr. W. J. Upson entertained at dinner on Sunday Mrs. Gehring, her niece Miss Bryant and friend, Mr. Burton Rose, and Mr. Wm. Foster.

The entertainment given at Mr. Upson's Music Room on Tuesday evening was attended by the guests of the Inn and all pronounced it a big success.

Mr. Leon H. Gilley, Manager of Bethel Inn, is still very sick. His condition has changed but little for the past week, temperature being from 102 to 104, but we hope he will be able to win the fight.

Miss Edith A. Sawyer of New York was at Bethel Inn looking for accommodations for a party of five for the summer months. She was delighted with the Inn and hopes to return with her friends in May.

Miss Margaret Allen and Miss Ann Paton are at home for a week's visit at Chestnut Hill, Mass., but expect to return to Bethel on Saturday. Miss Allen has become very fond of Bethel and her health has improved wonderfully during her stay here.

Judge A. E. Herriek and wife have returned to their home after spending the entire winter at Bethel Inn. Their genial presence will be greatly missed by all. The Judge has become a famous "Futter" since coming to the Inn and we hope he and his wife will come in often to see their friends and have a game of Parlor Golf.

RESOLUTIONS

ON THE DEATH OF BROTHER MOSES MASON HASTINGS.

Whereas—We were forcefully reminded that while "In life we are in death" when the call came to our Brother, Moses Mason Hastings, that ushered him into the Great Beyond, He helped to institute Bethel Lodge 50 years ago, and became an Honorary Member in 1905. Let us now recall with pleasure our memory of a man who had fought a good fight and so successfully passed through all the degrees of our order from Entered Apprentice to Thirty-third inclusive, and held many high and important offices in the order, particularly in the Council and Commandery. The passing out of this noble man exemplifies the younger members that life is uncertain, and as he had passed the "three score years and ten" it shows to other brethren that Eternity is not far off and that we should no longer postpone the importance of preparing for that event, be it

Resolved, That Bethel Lodge mourns the loss of a highly respected Honorary Member and extends sympathy to his home Lodge at Bangor, Maine.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy sent to his family, and published in the Oxford County Citizen and Bangor Commercial.

I. H. WRIGHT,

H. C. ROWE,

A. C. FROST,

Com. on Resolutions.

OBITUARY.

LORETTA ANDREWS CHURCHILL.

Monday at midnight at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Hixson, Loretta Andrews Churchill, widow of Kingman Churchill, passed away after a long illness borne most patiently. Mrs. Churchill was born in West Paris, April 1837, and would soon have reached her eighty-sixth

Have you seen the stunning New Spring Suits and Coats

They are in dark staple colors as well as the new high shades.

We will be glad to have you come and try them on the first time you are out shopping. You will notice the Wooltex label in many of these garments, a sure guarantee of style and tailoring qualities.

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NORWAY,

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ALBANY.

Since the sun has shown out so brightly this (Tuesday) morning one can but wish they were an artist, but even then they could not begin to paint the trees with their wonderful mantle of sparkling beauty.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bean visited his brother, P. I. Bean of Mason one day last week.

It has taken a number of men several days to shovel through the immense drifts so that our mail carrier could get around by Hunt's Corner to the Valley road. Anyone who has ever been over the road would be surprised to see how the snow has piled up as it does.

Mrs. Frances Wardell has returned home from North Norway, where she has been caring for the sick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Greenwood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Andrews, Saturday.

Mrs. Angie Dean took quite a long walk on the crest one of these bright spring mornings calling on her friend, Mrs. Jesse Flint.

The Ladies' Club held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Angie Dean.

Nearly everyone has at least a few trees tapped, and the syrup seems to be of excellent quality.

Will there be three more gentians and a row that the postcard of Wm. Chapman of Bethel.

NEWRY.

The new farm the woods at First came out last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hastings called at G. H. Leonard's last Sunday.

P. H. Longness has his pipe factory at hand ready for the water.

Harry Powers is having wood with his engine at Herbert Burgess.

Seaside House built the last of his goods from Hallowell last Saturday.

Mrs. D. C. Smith called at A. H. Leonard's last Saturday.

Leahy Luman has started working for East at North Norway.

John Luman is working for P. C. Smith.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stowell are both quite ill with the grip.

Fred Morton received word of the death of his brother, Charles, in Malden, Mass.

Ralph King was home from his work on the G. T. Sunday.

Charles Herrick of Norway was in town, Sunday.

Thomas Brown of Bethel visited with his mother, Thursday.

Frank Cummings and son, Chester, were in the place the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Thurston of Rumford Center were week end guests of their aunt, Mrs. Mary Bartlett.

Mrs. Nina Goodwin and daughter, Lela, were in Lewiston, visiting relatives, Saturday.

DIXFIELD.

Ralph Walton and wife are pleasant to be located in their new apartment, recently finished at the home of Mrs. Walton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Holman.

J. B. Davis has been suffering from a sprained ankle the past few days.

W. M. Koller injured his right hand quite badly one day last week, while working at his mill.

The village schools closed Friday for the Easter recess of one week. Some of the teachers went to their homes for the vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Fernald of Rumford is a guest of her two aunts, Miss Ella Holman and Mrs. Vera Reed.

Miss Gertrude Berry of Berry Mills was in town, Saturday.

Mrs. Grace Hansen and son, Frank, of Rumford were guests of relatives in town one day last week.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

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Mr. Paul C. Thurston was in Portland, Saturday.

Mr. Roscoe Andrews returned to Bethel, Sunday.

Mr. Archie Jewell was in Locke's Mills last week.

Mr. Ernest Nason of South Paris was in town last Friday.

Miss Rena Perkins was the guest of relatives in Portland last week.

Mrs. W. H. Young and son, Donald, have returned home from Norway.

Mr. W. L. Hart or Magalloway was a business visitor in town last Thursday.

Miss Kathryn Bryant and friend of Bangor are guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gehring.

Mr. Alanson Tyler, who has been working at Pawlet, Vermont, has returned home.

Mrs. Will Watson of Gorham, N. H., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Henry Austin and son, Charles, were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard at Shelburne.

Judge and Mrs. A. E. Herrick, who have been spending the winter at Bethel Inn, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Jane Barker, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in town, returned to her home in Norway, Saturday.

Mrs. Charles K. Valenci, who has been on an operation for appendicitis at her home on Mechanic street last Tuesday afternoon, is getting along very nicely.

Do not think it a fire alarm when you hear the church bell ring for the Easter service next Sunday morning. First bell rings at 8:30 A. M. Last bell at 8:15.

Miss Roberts and Master Whitcomb are in and governor, Miss Pilot, who has been spending the winter at Judge Herrick's house, returned to her home in New York, Sunday. Miss Margaret Post accompanied them on the train.

Mr. H. A. Allen, State Agent for Rural Education, gave a very interesting lecture before the Men's Club on Sunday evening, Mar. 24. He pointed out chiefly with rural school problems. He told very clearly and convincingly how the rural school could be changed to meet modern requirements. He also spoke of the fact that a modern rural school could be a life of the child, mentally and physically. At the close of his talk questions were asked which he was very glad to answer. Mr. Allen thoroughly understood his work and listening to him is pleasurable as well as profitable.

BETHEL and Vicinity

Mr. Philip Chapman was in South Paris, Sunday.

Dr. L. H. Wight was in Lewiston one day last week.

Mr. Fritz Tyler was in Berlin, N. H., on business last week.

Mr. Durward Mason was in Norway the first of the week.

Mr. Morton White of Bates College is a guest at L. L. Carver's.

Judge A. E. Herrick was a business visitor in Portland, Monday.

Dr. E. L. Brown was the guest of relatives in Norway, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hastings were in Portland a few days last week.

Miss Gladys Bennett of Ollard is working for Mrs. W. G. Bryant.

Mrs. F. J. Tyler visited friends in Portland a few days last week.

Mr. Elmer Allen and family spent Sunday with relatives in Yarmouth.

Mr. Archie W. Evans of Iowa is the new employee at the Citizen office.

Mr. Jamieson Finney of Norway was calling on friends in town, Sunday.

Mrs. Sadie Byrd of Berlin, N. H., was visiting relatives in town, Saturday.

Miss Marian Mansfield is at home from Smith College for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrill of Upton are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Harlow.

Misses Doris and Marion Frost and Miss Vivian Wight were in Portland, Saturday.

Mr. Ernest Blisbee spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Fred Bailey, at South Paris.

Mrs. F. L. Edwards and daughter, Dorothy, were in Berlin, N. H., one day last week.

The Westcott Club will be entertained by Mrs. Lavorgna, Thursday, P. M., April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Sawin and son were week end guests of friends in South Paris.

Mr. H. V. Blarrett was in Bethel, Monday, collecting new data for the Maine Register.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmon Jordan of Mechanic Falls were guests of relatives in town, Sunday.

Miss Adelaide Russell was the guest of Mrs. Fred Bailey at South Paris a few days last week.

Miss Thelma Hutchinson, who has been spending a few weeks in Boston, returned to Bethel, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall were week end guests of their daughter, Mrs. Walter Ring, at West Paris.

Mrs. Dot Moore and Mr. Harold Moore from Norway were entertained at the home of P. J. Tyler, Friday night.

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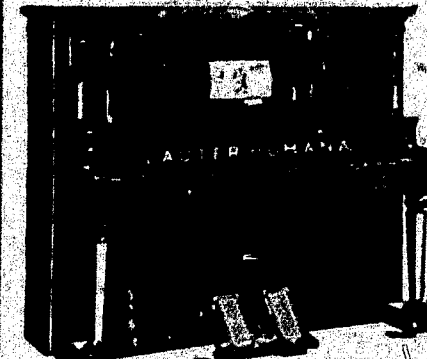
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Mrs. Leona Morrill returned from Lewiston, Friday.

Miss Ola Bartlett from East Bethel visited friends in Bethel, Saturday.

Vonla Brown has moved his family into the lower rent in Frank Taylor's house.

Miss Helen Baker from Sunday River visited Margaret Herrick the first of the week.

Eva Bartlett from East Bethel visited Helen Clark, Thursday and attended the Academy fair.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Edwin Gehring and family at Portland.

Mrs. Lucy Leach has gone to Massachusetts to spend a few weeks with her son and family, Frank Leach.

Mrs. L. L. Pennock from North Waterford is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Taylor, for a few weeks.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Curtis, Tuesday afternoon, April 10. "The Effect of the War Upon Prohibition." All ladies interested are invited to hear something on this great problem.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting meeting with Miss Cross and Mrs. G. P. Bean. Mrs. Byram read a poem. Mrs. Curtis read extracts from Billy Sunday's "Booze sermon." Mrs. Kendall read an appropriate poem and items of interest on the progress of Temperance were given by the members. The program was helpful and encouraging.

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Miss Eva Marion Bean, Colby '17, after a short vacation, has returned to school.

Miss Elsie Bartlett has returned from visiting relatives at Rumford.

Mrs. R. C. Clark of Lisbon was last week's guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball.

Mr. Robert Rich was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bean on his way from the University of Maine to his home in Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. Harold Hutchins has returned from visiting relatives at Portland.

Mrs. Carrie Bartlett has returned from visiting relatives in Malden, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rayford have returned to their farm here.

Mr. Wm. Winslow has recently purchased the C. C. Bean farm near the old ferry.

Mr. John Howe was at home over Sunday and Monday.

Miss Ethel Cole recently visited relatives and friends at Norway.

Schools here reopen April 9.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Miss Irene Briggs is visiting relatives and friends at Bethel and West Bethel.

Fred Littlefield, Alton Paine, Alton Fernald and Chesley Hugg were called on at Geo. Briggs', recently.

Cliff Eastman was in this part of the town last Tuesday taking the valuation.

Geo. Briggs and Alton Fernald went to Bethel one day last week with loads of oak for Fred Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Hazeltine visited their daughter, Mrs. Bertha Anderson, recently.

Everyone is glad to see and hear the robins once more.

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The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

EASTER SUNDAY.

By Olive Sterling Glasgow.

Easter is always the first Sunday for the full moon, which happens on the twenty-first day of March; if the full moon happens on a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday following. That Easter is observed in memory of Christ's resurrection, is generally known; but it may be of interest to some readers to know that the Christians of the second century had a great deal of trouble before they finally decided on the exact day for celebrating the festival. The early Christians, being mostly drawn from the Jewish Church, naturally went on observing Jewish Festivals, although they gave them a new meaning now, that Christ had come. They called Easter "Paschal Feast." Soon they began to quarrel about it; the Jewish Christians thought that Easter should follow a Jewish Passover without regard to the day of the week. The Gentile Christians knew that Christ had arisen Sunday, and wanted to keep that as a resurrection festival; at last, after five hundred years or more, the church of Rome decided in favor of the Gentile custom. In different countries there are different customs observed; some of which seem very odd to us; as, for example, in some parts of England, the lifting up from the ground every person met on Easter day. Many of the curious Easter customs cannot be accounted for, and are only interesting to read about on account of the absurdity of them.

In the United States the egg custom is the one in general favor. The meaning, if the meaning is considered at all, is taken that the egg is the symbol of a new life. Easter always brings joyous feeling with it. We are always ready to bid goodbye to winter pleasures and welcome the new life in the vegetable world; therefore, flowers and greenery of all kinds receive our attention and admiration. Even the tiny blades of grass peeping timidly from sheltering homes are considerably welcomed. When Easter day really arrives, the properly tuned heart seeking an outlet for its happiness, by trying to make others happy, only increases its own. Our first thought is naturally centered in our dearest loved ones, then overflows to others. There must be activity in action as well as thought to satisfy the average American's idea of celebrating. So we plan to decorate our homes, to enjoy life anew and help others to do the same. In decorating for Easter, the central point of interest for children is the dining room. In fact, children and flowers are inseparable Easter decorations. If you have not either, borrow or beg both if necessary. Decorate parlor and library with simple decorations of flowers or foliage and appropriate mottoes. The children may not understand fully the meaning of the mottoes of childhood, but memory will treasure them for the lonely old age, or perchance hand them out for use in the middle life. But today their interest is in the dining room decorations. If you are so happily situated that you have Easter lilies in abundance, use them; if not, use any kind, or all kinds of house plants into vases; if you may not have house plants, do not fail to use the next best, paper flowers; do not try to do something, and let imagination do the rest.

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Some children could be happy over a few blades of green grass. It is regrettable that children are not taken oftener as examples. But supposing we have plenty, let us make good use of it. Place potted plants on small tables about the room and in the windows; for, perhaps some passerby will be cheered by the sight of them. The correct decorations for the Easter table are white and yellow cut flowers with two potted ferns. The linen centerpiece, if used, should be embroidered in yellow and green. A paper egg filled with bonbons should be placed at each cover, also an Easter card with an appropriate verse on it. The central decoration may be a nest of bright straw filled with colored or decorated eggs. If you prefer it, a Jack Horner pie filled with Easter gifts may grace the center of the table. To make this into a large deep dish covered completely with yellow and white paper trimmings pasted on, placing the presents inside, each one being tied with a long piece of yellow or white baby ribbon. Draw each ribbon through a hole in the upper crust and tie to a place card. Behold! Your Easter decorations are completed; as you survey your work, you exclaim, "Yellow and white decorations are beautiful!"

Now do not forget to serve the eggs, or your first thought will be lost on the boys. When writing the invitations try to include some who have few pleasures. How do you know that it may not be the beginning of a new life for them?

—Courtland, Kans., World & Work.

PERSONAL HYGIENE.

Kather McGinnis, Instructor in Home Economics in Farmers' Week Course.

Hygiene is the science and art of the conservation and promotion of health, both private and public. It is sometimes known as sanitary science. There are two divisions of hygiene, sanitation which deals with the public health or the environment, and personal hygiene which deals with the health of the individual. Personal hygiene is sometimes defined "How to keep well."

Home economics stands for the ideal home life. No home life can be ideal unless the members of the family have good health. Personal hygiene teaches how to get good health and keep it.

The points taken up in a course on Personal Hygiene are, first, the reasons for teaching it and the need for it. Then the care of the different parts of the body is taken up and specific directions given. Some attention is given to methods after disease has come but the emphasis is placed on care in health and how to keep the body in the best condition to prevent disease.

There are a few simple rules, which, if followed carefully, would do away with a great deal of ill health and its cause.

First—Fresh air and sunlight. Fresh air, or air free from the impurities which are given off the lungs, is absolutely essential to good health. As we are constantly breathing we need the supply of air renewed all the time both day and night. The popular theory that night air is dangerous needs to be exploded. As someone has said, "The only night air which is dangerous is last night's, open the window and let it out."

Sunlight is a good antiseptic. It prevents the growth of bacteria, particularly early disease bacteria. Therefore, let the sunlight come in, do not pull down the blinds for fear of fading the carpet.

Second—Proper food. The body cannot perform its work well without proper food. This point will be brought out in another place.

Third—Rest. Even if we have

plenty of air and sunlight, and good food, it is essential to have rest. Eight or nine hours sleep every night is necessary to good health.

Fourth—Cleanliness. The fourth rule of health is cleanliness. The skin pores give off water and an oily substance. The oily secretion keeps the skin soft and pliable but it also entangles and holds the dirt from the air and the minute scales from the skin. If this is not removed, the pores become clogged and the skin does not excrete properly. Hence it is very important that a daily bath should be taken. It may be either hot or cold. Bathing removes this layer of stimulation secretion and also has a tonic effect on the circulation.

Fifth—Last of all each one needs his or her special work. Work is a great giver of health. As far as possible it should be interesting and stimulating. Worry should be avoided as it effects the body decidedly, causing nervousness and ill health and is absolutely useless.

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CANTON

The funeral services of Andrew J. Bailey of Canton Point were held Tuesday at 12 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Rev. Ivan G. Thom of the Methodist Episcopal church of Livemore officiating. Appropriate vocal solos were by Mrs. Gladys W. Russell. The floral tributes were very beautiful and included a lovely anchor from Canton Grange. The interment was at Canton Point. Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Miss Beatrice Bailey and Mr. Smith of Madrid, Robert Laird of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Sarah Gammon and Frank Adkins of Portland.

Miss Ada Bonney is at home from Bates College for the Easter vacation. Mrs. Eva Russell of Poland has been a guest of her father, Isaac Lathrop.

Irene Cushman has been on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. May Johnson of Hebron.

Mrs. Annie Parker of Lewiston is keeping house for Aaron Jackson. Wesley Tirrell has joined the National Guards and will start for Portland this week.

Miss Mary Kelley has been a guest of E. B. Woodward and family. She will teach the spring term of school in the Sanders district.

Miss L. B. Treadwell took for her subject Sunday morning at the United Baptist church, "Love," and in the evening, "Solomon Enthroned as King of Israel."

Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes was entertained while in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso F. Russell and family.

The Pine Tree Club held a pleasant session Saturday afternoon with Mrs. William P. Mitchell, Jr., with the following interesting program: Paper on United States History, Mrs. George W. Carson; Sketch of the Life of John Brown, Mrs. Helen Mitchell; Short Sketches on the Lives of Martin Van Buren and William Henry Harrison, Mrs. Frank W. Morse; Sketches on the Lives of John Tyler and James K. Polk, Mrs. Marion A. Smith; Sketches on Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore, Mrs. Alice N. Bicknell; Life of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Mrs. Blanche Richardson; Quotations from Elmore by members; Music. Refreshments were served and a game enjoyed. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Cora B. Fuller.

The series of progressive whist parties which have been held at Odd Fellows block have closed and a social was held Friday evening and the prizes awarded. J. K. Forhan received the first prize for men, a beautiful card table; Frank B. Woodward the second, a pipe; Geo. H. Johnson, third, a box of cigars, and Leon O. Harding the consolation, a toy and cuff links. The first prize for ladies was won by Mrs. Ethel H. Johnson, who received a cut glass dish; the second by Mrs. Isabel Gammon, who won a silver pickle fork, and the consolation to Miss Eleanor Westgate, who received dolls and a gold pendant. A fine supper was served and dancing and a general good time was enjoyed. Music was furnished by Miss Marie Bartlett of Rumford, violin and Miss Eleanor Westgate, piano.

The high school plan to hold a fair in about two weeks.

Hon. John P. Swasey, who is ill with bronchitis, is considerably better. Mrs. Howard of Lewiston is caring for him.

Prof. W. B. Wright of Bethel opened a singing class at the United Baptist church, Monday evening.

Miss Jessie Reed has been home from Auburn for a visit.

Miss Eleanor Westgate will assist Miss Lathrop of Connecticut at a piano recital at the studio of Miss Florence Wells of Lewiston next Thursday evening.

The next meeting of the Universalist Circle will be held with Mrs. Elmer E. Westgate.

The semi-annual meeting of Whitney Lodge, F. & A. M., will be held next Thursday afternoon and evening. A supper will be served at six o'clock and refreshments also will be served later in the evening.

W. E. Dresser has sold the Revere House to J. Morton Johnson of Lewiston, who plans to take possession about the first of May. Mr. Dresser has been proprietor of this hotel for over thirty years and is well known throughout the State. Mr. Johnson is a former Canton townsman.

The members of Union Grange of East Sumner presented the drama, "Valley Farm," at Canton Opera House, Monday evening to a good house.

The candidate was initiated at the meeting of Georgetown Chapter, No. 24, U. E. K. Tuesday evening, and refreshments were served.

Miss M. E. Colburn has been visiting relatives at North Anson.

William A. Lucas, who has been ill with the grip, is convalescing. C. H. Richardson has been substituting on the N. E. D. route.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Ellis have named their little daughter, Barbara.

Mrs. Sarah E. Reynolds has returned home from an extended visit in Boston and Portland.

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NORWAY, MAINE

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Worden has been ill with bronchial pneumonia.

W. E. Dresser of the Revere House has purchased the residence of Mrs. F. C. Handy of Pleasant street.

Miss Alice McDonald of Rumford has been a guest of Mrs. E. K. Hollis and family.

Appleton Dodge was injured Friday while at work in the mill of Asa Campbell near the "Leavitt four corners." In lifting he strained the ligaments of his stomach and had to be taken to his home.

B. W. Jackson, who has returned to Canton, has opened a barber shop in the annex of the "brick store," which he formerly occupied.

Rev. Eleanor Forbes took for her subject Sunday, "From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane." Mrs. J. F. Hollis has been in Boston the past week.

NORTH WATERFORD.

There was a free social at the Grange Hall, Friday night, and every one seemed to have a good time.

There was a circle at the vestry Wednesday evening, entertained by Bertha Gendron and Louise Lord.

W. H. Kilgore, one of the owners in the Elliott & Bartlett wool mill, has returned from a trip to Providence. The company have not given out any word yet, but it is generally felt that if they build a new mill it will be some where else.

Hiram Holt, one of the employees, has obtained work at Bryant's Pond. Addison Holt and George Holt have moved to the Holt farm.

Winfield Brown has returned from the Maine General hospital where he has been for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Perez Bryant were called to Lovell by the death of their daughter's husband, Henry McAllister, who was buried Tuesday. Mrs. McAllister is left with three children.

Herman Holt has sold his horse to Walter Lord, and Merrill Davis has bought a horse of Addison Holt of Waterford.

Mahlon Grever has been on the sick list.

Stanton Ray, who has been quite

sick, is improving.

Mrs. Sumner Grover entertained as guests on Friday her cousins, Mrs. Emma Brown and Abbie Hill of Stoneham.

HEBRON.

Wednesday evening a masquerade social was held at the gymnasium. All took part in making it a jolly good time. The clowns furnished a lot of amusement. Music for dancing was furnished by Mrs. Ralph Young, Bethel, the piano, and Forest Conant, Hebron, drums. At intermission the prizes for the best costumes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. William Atwood. The judges were Miss Vera Bray, Mr. H. Merrill and Mrs. G. I. Conant.

Miss Beulah Hutchinson is visiting at her home here.

Frank Piko has returned to Poland after spending a few weeks with friends of this town.

Mrs. Julia Alden, who has been staying a few days with her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Conant, has returned to her home at Livermore Falls.

Mrs. A. A. Conant is improving after her recent illness.

Miss Lucy Tague is visiting friends in this village.

Frances Merrill, who has been suffering a severe attack of grip, is gaining.

Virgil Vencil is visiting his cousin, Lloyd E. May.

Dorothy Beare has been spending a few days in Oxford, the guest of Mrs. Harold Pratt.

Austin Maddocks is visiting at G. I. Conant's.

Frances Grever is in Portland. Gay Haskley has moved his family to Greenwood Hill, near the sanatorium where he is at work.

Leola Bone is boarding at H. E. Cantella's during the vacation.

Mrs. Ralph Young was recent guest at A. A. Conant's.

RECEIVED
List of names of persons who have been visiting in this village.

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FARMING SYSTEMS OF MAINE.

(George B. Simmons, Professor of Agriculture, in Farmer's Week Course.)

It is the tendency for every section of the country to adopt the system of farming most nearly fitted to its geographical, climatic, soil, market, labor supply and social conditions. One might cite the cotton growing of the south, the citrus fruit production of California, corn growing in the corn belt, the wheat growing in the Northwest, and hay growing of New England as illustrations to prove the statement.

An conditions arise that tend to change these factors the system is very apt to change but changes slowly. New transportation facilities, new markets and sometimes new crops affect the agriculture to a very great extent. The opening of new farming lands to the westward and the trans-continental railroads affect very seriously and the farming systems of today in Maine are to a great extent due to the drain of men and money that was attracted to the "West" at that time. The beef industry, the horse industry, and the sheep industry have largely passed away. The dairy industry has been threatened although we hope that by efforts that are now being exerted it may become more firmly established, as it is considered that a system of farming that includes livestock feeding conserves soil fertility, and allows crops grown on the farm to be marketed to better advantage.

The question arises how the different systems of farming as today found in Maine justify themselves. The fact that in the past the farmer was able to earn a goodly portion of his livelihood by working winters in the woods has caused the neglect of the farm, allowing it to produce hay until the yield has run very low.

While hay growing is encouraged by very good markets it is recognized that the production and marketing of hay is not an all year round job. The most natural combination of hay growing and animal industry enters into the dairy business. The production of pure bred stock has long been depended upon to supplement the returns from the sale of dairy products. This not only gives employment during winter but furnishes a market for bulky farm products. The fact is that a relatively low price per unit for dairy products has discouraged efforts along this line.

Various methods have been used to encourage dairying. One of the best is the "New Test Association." One of its functions is to determine which cows give the most milk per quart of milk. A few cents advance per quart of milk would readily put many of the "Breeders" cows that do not pay their keep into the list of the profitable producers. To maintain the present standard of production on Maine farms it will be necessary that sufficient returns for the product sold to pay a fair living wage must be secured. When the time comes that a living wage is not secured the public will begin to lose the benefits of a cheap supply and higher prices. The farmer can not always continue to produce as much milk as in the past unless the returns keep pace with the increasing cost of production. It will be to change his system of farming or go to another occupation. During the time that we have seen no such effect.

This old fact being due largely to the fact that there has been no change of prices between the cost of production and the returns to attract the dairy man to the farm from the attraction of cash money's wage of the city.

What was said by me to remedy this condition they were to keep better records.

In one town in Maine 10 farms with 100 cows between them the average gave an average income of \$125, while at farms with 200 cows the average gave an average income of only \$125.

Before returns for the product would justify the keeping of pure bred stock the farmer of the present day. It is not furnishing the returns that will justify the keeping of pure bred stock, and the quality of the product will be lowered. The price of milk and milk products will go up and down and the farmer will be brought in, as we will see, to the same position as the dairy man of 1890.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the distant portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; also cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh of the Eustachian Tube, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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there are great opportunities for dairying. Another system of farming in Maine mostly based on the production of cultivated crops is the three year rotation system carrying Potatoes, Grain, and Clover Hay. This when good judgment is used will tend to keep up the productivity of the soil. This system has the drawback of not giving all year round employment and tending the farmer's business to be subject to often violent fluctuations.

Within the past few years potatoes have varied in price from 3 cents a bushel to 75 cents a bushel. No business can be based on so casual a foundation and allow a reasonable prosperity for all. The tendency is toward speculation in the commodity. It is a make or break each year.

For the greater part of Maine another system is well adapted. It consists in the securing of a goodly income from more than one source.

When considered from the standpoint of an important source of income providing at least an income of one hundred dollars per year the following data was secured from the same town as before mentioned.

11 farms with one or less important sources of income, \$450.
23 farms with 2 important sources of income, \$251.
17 farms with 3 important sources of income, \$276.
9 farms with 4 or more important sources of income, \$410.

The benefits from the greater sources of income is self evident.

The greatest drawback to success is that too few projects are carried on to a sufficient extent to realize sufficient from each to total up to a labor income that will justify the effort.

Successful diversity of enterprises, with well selected enterprises and careful attention given to both the production and marketing ends of the business is the key to success in farming.

EVOLUTION.

The Ascent of Man

By G. L. Jones.

On entering into an examination of so wonderful a force as evolution, we will first try to analyze the life and spiritual forces that appear to be the basis underlying and stimulating evolution, which we will call involution. However, it may be well to first understand all things exist in the double, or two halves. Nature builds only through the positive and the negative, or more properly through the male and the female forces, and nothing can be evolved except by the reciprocity of these dual forces. The law of the union of matter is identical with the involution that evolves all suns, all planets, all moons; and everything in nature down to the atom, where life seems to be here or emanate. Here is the basis of creation, or more correctly, evolution, and here is the secret of nature's works throughout boundless, therefore involution.

Law is employed in every formation, though the conditions are greatly diversified; hence the dissimilarity of apparent infinite design in all the vast microcosm of nature.

Evolution teaches that the sun of our solar system—like all other solar systems—was evolved or gave birth to her eight planets in the following order: Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Earth, Venus, and Mercury; that these planets are the sun's family of children and she created them through the positive and negative law of reproduction; that these planets were also born to existence by the reciprocity of the male and female forces inherent in their nature. Therefore, the source of every planet is the child or children of the planet that gives it birth, and while the eight planets are all the children of the sun, the sun is the son's grandchild, and these planets, therefore, are in fact, the result of the identical law employed in the reproduction of all other things, consisting of suns, animals, plants, trees, minerals, vegetables and everything else.

Then it follows, if the hypothesis is correct, that we have the foundation of the family relationship. But we must follow our evolutionary guide into the recesses of the mental universe to where we will also find the origin of the potential that has been the family stock to the hands of love.

Therefore, evolution informs us that the sun holds her planetary children in the arms of love, and that the planets are the result of the identical law employed in the reproduction of all other things, consisting of suns, animals, plants, trees, minerals, vegetables and everything else.

their children, the moon, in the affection of their male and female parental forces and loves.

Did you ever think that the great volume of sunlight that shines on earth is a volume of love, without which the physical and mental lives we now enjoy would be entombed in the inertia of unevolved matter, where it has always been until touched by the wands of progress, vivifying and spiritualizing forces of the electro magnetic rays of sunlight and heat?

The incomprehensible length of time Infinite Intelligence breathed upon the face of our solar system and started the propagating forces that "borned" our earth and sister man-bearing planets into organic life, sensation and intelligence, cannot be reached by the greatest intuitive brains of our age; as billions of years must have intervened between the great eternal now and the great eternal, unbeginning past. Yet, when we contemplate that time could neither have had a beginning, or ever reach an end, it cuts but a minute figure in trying to measure something that is enfolded in the Infinite. However, to the intuitive, scientific mind, it is apparent the evolution of unevolved matter has been brought about to form these planets, not only of our solar system, but also throughout countless billions of other systems that swarm the boundless, shoreless space where the Infinite Intelligence everywhere exists, and all mighty works seem to have but one great object behind and ahead of it, one great purpose to achieve: The spiritualization of matter for the evolution of individualized, immortal man.

Yes, spiritual man, clothed with an animal body, evolved through the lower forms of highly prepared animal life, to accomplish and carry into effect this great plan of all nature, including everything even down to the granite rocks, had to be endowed with a double existence composed of spirit and body. The spirit evolves or builds the body and here is what is meant by involution that, furnishes the animating spiritual life forces that stimulate and evolves evolution, and here seems to have been the forces which lay inactive until our earth was ripe and ready to act. The time had then come for them to produce the lower forms of intelligent life, as the lower forms came, the uplifting evolving higher ones followed.

Here the male and female law of natural selection and the survival of the fittest becomes the predominating force that lifts and raises the highest forms of animals into the lowest grades of humanity. It would seem that some of the highest forms of animals become the progenitors of the white races, while other species assumed like relations to the colored races. It is hardly probable that the family tree originated from any one, but from many different species of animals, and it is remarkable how many of the traits of our animal ancestors are constantly creeping out among the human family today as far as shocking evidence look at the European War. But if you wish to analyze man to find these lower qualities we would recommend that you bring the sciences of physiology, psychology, and physiology to bear on him and before you get through you will find him a little microcosm or an animal universe containing minute parts of all substances and forces that are to be found in all nature. I am now 38 years of age and when I look backward and see the sweep of evolutionary progress of my age, and then trace the descent of man back, how long would it take to land him down to the level of the higher grade of animals.

The descent of man is not supposed to stop here but to continue on until the vegetable, the mineral and the rocks are reached, or in other words, the material composing the physical and spiritual man somewhere, somehow, has always existed, as it must be that matter and spirit are in some way inseparable parts of the spiritual divine mind, and therefore coeternal; hence there was no creation other than in relation evolving evolution up to its present attitude and is destined to yet reach possibilities that few on this little earth have dreamed of.

Any man having a house, farm, or other or desirable located land for sale or exchange, or a summer place to rent, will do well to insert advertising space in these issues. They will have a wide circulation among interested people all over the United States.

A Bethel minister in need of funds has suggested his intention to his congregation. "Well, Bethel, the minister is in need of funds, and as we have failed to get money from the church, we will have to look elsewhere for funds."

REAL ESTATE AND SUMMER HOME ISSUES.
On Saturdays, March 31 and April 7, the Bethel Evening Transcript will print a generous amount of reading matter which will be of much interest to real estate owners in New England and those who lease or have summer homes at the seashore, mountain or country.

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Statements of a Few Companies Represented

THE CONNECTICUT FIRE INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$664,900.00
Collateral Loans,	20,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	5,247,724.35
Cash in Office and Bank,	918,294.35
Agents' Balances,	389,984.95
Bills Receivable,	77,961.94
Interest and Rents,	61,184.09
All other Assets,	8,285.20
Gross Assets,	\$7,017,735.47
Deduct items not admitted,	267,856.63
Admitted Assets,	\$7,249,579.84
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$312,627.43
Unearned Premiums,	3,978,988.47
All other Liabilities,	122,200.00
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,836,663.94

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$7,249,579.84
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THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$2,999,557.27
Mortgage Loans,	37,855,062.15
Collateral Loans,	363,710.00
Stocks and Bonds,	22,359,910.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	3,730,554.09
Agents' Balances,	85,625.43
Bills Receivable,	22,317.95
Interest and Rents,	1,616,969.23
All other Assets,	17,747,612.86
Gross Assets,	\$115,561,158.08
Deduct items not admitted,	765,885.51
Admitted Assets,	\$115,095,273.47
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916, +	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,191,780.54
Unearned Premiums,	121,465.15
All other Liabilities,	98,525,105.50
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$3,956,932.27

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$115,095,273.47
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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1917 at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

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Phoebe M. Burton, late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of John M. Gould and Julia B. Perry as executors thereof, they being named as such in the will, presented by John M. Gould son of said executor.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
3 29 21.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Louisa G. Hastings late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are requested to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

HENRY H. HASTINGS.
March 29th, 1917. 3 29 21.

Robert, the four-year-old son of a scientific man, had lived in the country most of his short life. One day a cat, or, wishing to make friends with the little fellow, took him on his knee and began to purr. Robert, who was very much interested in the cat, began to pet it. The cat, however, was not at all friendly, and began to scratch Robert. Robert, who was very much interested in the cat, began to pet it. The cat, however, was not at all friendly, and began to scratch Robert.

GRANITE STATE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, PORTSMOUTH, N. H.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$24,200.00
Stocks and Bonds,	1,103,273.75
Cash in Office and Bank,	98,767.13
Agents' Balances,	125,241.79
Interest and Rents,	15,132.14
All other Assets,	2,184.14
Gross Assets,	\$1,371,205.85
Deduct items not admitted,	36,012.36
Admitted Assets,	\$1,335,193.49
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$67,907.92
Unearned Premiums,	724,343.69
All other Liabilities,	14,489.91
Cash Capital,	200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$19,504.97

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$1,335,193.49
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THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED, OF LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$1,601,982.56
Mortgage Loans,	2,078,200.00
Stocks and Bonds,	9,967,504.89
Cash in Office and Bank,	2,164,355.62
Agents' Balances,	2,087,508.25
Bills Receivable,	34,056.39
Interest and Rents,	110,546.44
All other Assets,	140,617.24
Gross Assets,	\$15,827,439.35
Deduct items not admitted,	547,332.02
Admitted Assets,	\$15,827,439.35
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,200,042.71
Unearned Premiums,	\$3,033,217.66
All other Liabilities,	513,493.39
Deposit Capital,	\$600,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$4,960,749.59

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$15,827,439.35
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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court at Paris in vacation in and for the County of Oxford on the twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

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ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
3 29 21.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Zenax W. Bartlett late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are requested to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

JOHN REED.
March 29th, 1917. 3 29 21.

WEST TERU.
Miss Adelaide Atkins is visiting at the home of K. G. Child in Dixville. Helen Chase passed away early last morning. He had been sick a week with pneumonia.

Mrs. C. J. Tracy is in poor health. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Shaw spent a few days at their old home in Bethel, recently.

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THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$455,553.00
Collateral Loans,	28,100.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,679,736.82
Cash in Office and Bank,	87,308.35
Bills Receivable,	19.80
Interest and Rents,	45,667.67
All other Assets,	208,184.50
Gross Assets,	\$3,664,469.74
Deduct items not admitted,	139,691.84
Admitted Assets,	\$3,524,777.90
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$482,211.26
Unearned Premiums,	1,176,456.52
All other Liabilities,	169,696.11
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$606,414.01

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$3,524,777.90
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ELMER L. LOVEJOY, Agent, 3-22-31-G. Rumford Falls, Me.

MASON.

J. A. McKenzie has been sawing wood for F. L. Ordway of Gilead. Myron Merrill is moving into his new residence.

F. I. Bean has sold some hay to R. T. Westleigh. John and Francis Westleigh have returned home from Grafton where they have been logging for Hastings and Vanhook.

Bert Young has arrived at his farm from Massachusetts, where he has had employment the past winter. Mrs. Bertha Mundt of Grover Hill cared for Mrs. S. O. Grover, Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Garay, who has been working in Bethel, is with her sister, Mrs. Eli Grover, for a few days. F. I. Bean and Douglas Cushing were at Bethel, Saturday.

RUMFORD POINT.

Mr. Clyde Fulsom and wife of New York are visiting at the home of Mrs. Mary Bryant.

Miss Alice Hopkins returned to Farmington Normal School, Monday. Dr. H. F. Abbott has regained his good health.

Clay Merrill has returned from his winter work in Milfield, N. H. Susan Martin and Elizabeth Baker went to Portland, Saturday.

George Musa has moved home from his logging job on Black brook. Mrs. Ida Flagg of Mexico is working for F. W. Ladd.

M. E. Barker returned from Lewiston, Saturday. Henry Barker is boarding at G. H. Duran's.

"If a man has an income of two millions a year, what is his principal?" "A man with such an income usually has no principle."—Royal Magazine.

Mark Twain A Real American

Mark Twain was a steamboat pilot. He was a searcher for gold in the far west. He was a printer. He worked bitterly hard. All this without a glimpse of the great destiny that lay before him. Then, with the opening of the great wide west, Mark Twain's genius bloomed. He had found his great place.

His fame spread through the nation. He is the heart, the spirit of America. From his poor and struggling boyhood to his glorious, splendid old age, he remained as simple, as democratic as the plainest of our frontiersmen.

The world has asked is there an American literature? Mark Twain is the answer. He is the heart, the spirit of America. From his poor and struggling boyhood to his glorious, splendid old age, he remained as simple, as democratic as the plainest of our frontiersmen.

Send Coupon—No Money
There never again will be any more Mark Twain at the present price. Get the 25 volume new, while you can. Get a set of Mark Twain in his home. Get this now and never again.

25 VOLUMES
Before the war we had a contract price for paper, so we could sell this set of Mark Twain at a reduced price. The last of the edition is in sight. The price of paper has gone up. There can be no more Mark Twain at the present price.

RUMFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hancock street are relations upon the Bernard Ladd has tion in the cigar and Frank M. Taylor on Ellsha Pratt, treasurer of the Grondia millinery.

Mrs. Arthur Landry the Grondia millinery. Mrs. V. A. Austin visiting friends in the guest of her mother of the Virginia District.

Miss Marion McPherson Miss Inez Childs as a Co-Operative Store. leave soon for "The as stenographer for C. There was a social evening at the Muni the auspices of Comp M. The music was orchestra.

Beginning on Sunday there is being held street Methodist Episcop series of Passion Week with the services day. The pastor of John M. Artors, will ance of several soloists. The services day, April 8th, will years ministry of Rev the local Methodist Virginia Chapel, and that he will be assigned of labor at the once which convenes Wednesday, April 11th.

Mrs. D. Cassavant d who underwent a surgery St. Mary's Hospital, L comfortable. Robert DaWolfe of t rict is in Poughwash, N. by the serious illness of Mrs. Alfred Sparks New York.

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Timothy Stearns, a doin College, is the gu ents, Mr. and Mrs. Ar of Penobscot street.

Miss Christine Macer of Mr. and Mrs. Jan of Franklin street, is a the Easter vacation. 2 is a student at Roger's ell, Mass.

RUMFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carruthers of Hancock street are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Bernard Ladd has accepted a position in the cigar and tobacco store of Frank M. Taylor on Congress street. Elsie Pratt, treasurer of the Rumford Falls Trust Company, has been re-appointed a notary public by Governor Milliken.

Miss Loretta Doyon of Augusta is the guest of Miss Della Gahant of Waldo street.

Mrs. Arthur Landry is employed at the Grondin millinery shop.

Mrs. V. A. Austin of Smithville is visiting friends in Lewiston.

Mrs. Robert Cavanaugh of Boston is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Killam of the Virginia District.

Miss Marion McPhee has succeeded Miss Inez Childs as bookkeeper at the Co-operative Store. Miss Childs will leave soon for "The Blanches" to act as stenographer for Captain Barker.

There was a social dance Tuesday evening at the Municipal Hall under the auspices of Company B, N. G. S. M. The music was by Webber's orchestra.

Beginning on Sunday evening last there is being held in the Franklin street Methodist Episcopal church, a series of Passion Week services, closing with the services of Easter Sunday.

The pastor of the church, Rev. John M. Arters, will have the assistance of several soloists and other musicians. The services of Easter Sunday, April 8th, will close the three years ministry of Rev. Mr. Arters at the local Methodist church and the Virginia Chapel, and it is expected that he will be assigned to another field of labor at the Annual Conference which convenes in Westbrook on Wednesday, April 11th.

Mrs. D. Cassavant of Main avenue, who underwent a surgical operation at St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, is quite comfortable.

Robert DeWolfe of the Virginia District is in Poughwash, N. S., called there by the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. Alfred Sparks is visiting in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton are entertaining Mr. Hamilton's father from Chebeague Island.

Mrs. James Harris is visiting in New York.

Timothy Stearns, a student at Bowdoin College, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aratas E. Stearns, of Penobscot street.

Miss Christine MacGregor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James MacGregor of Franklin street, is at her home for the Easter vacation. Miss MacGregor is a student at Roger's Hall in Lowell.

Mrs. Ernest A. Wakeley, who recently underwent a slight operation at the McCarthy Hospital, is reported as steadily improving.

William Taylor is at home from the University of Maine to spend the Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Taylor of the Virginia District.

J. J. Fournier has purchased the lot at the corner of Knox street and Oxford avenue, and will erect an up-to-date bakery thereon.

On Monday evening of this week at the Virginia schoolhouse, there was a meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association. An entertainment was given and refreshments were served.

Mrs. C. E. Walker of Littlefield is the guest of relatives in town.

Miss Stella Decker is visiting in Waterville and Oakland.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Virginia District met on Tuesday afternoon of this week with Mrs. Luna Bennett of Crescent avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearson are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a baby girl.

The Public Library has added books of fiction and non-fiction in both adult and juvenile departments. There are works on forestry and marine. The magazine, "The Menace," is now taken, and the current numbers will be found in the reading room.

Miss Ruth, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ray, is confined to the house by illness.

THE BEST TEST

Is the Test of Time

Years ago this Bethel resident told of good results from using Doan's Kidney Pills. Now Arthur Buxton, shoemaker, of Main St., confirms the former statement—says there has been no return of the trouble. Can Bethel people ask for more convincing testimony?

Mr. Buxton says: "My kidneys had been disordered for some time. I suffered a great deal from pains across the small of my back. The kidney secretions were also irregular in passage and I was bothered a great deal by dizziness. A friend of mine had used Doan's Kidney Pills with fine results and I was led to try them. The results were certainly satisfactory and I was entirely cured in a very short time." (Statement given July 21, 1911).

A PERMANENT CURE.

On June 8, 1910, Mr. Buxton said: "I still think very much of Doan's Kidney Pills and I always recommend them. The cure they gave me has proven permanent."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Buxton has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Misses Marion Sanborn, Frances Wheat and Messrs. Davis E. Hayes and Chester Chaffin will take the leading parts in the opera, "Pocahontas," which will soon be presented in the Majestic Theatre under the direction of Prof. Thiele. The proceeds will be given to the Rumford Band Association.

Mrs. C. E. Walker of Littlefield has resumed her position as night operator for the Maine Telephone and Telegraph Company. She will live at the home of Mrs. Fred Walker on Rumford avenue.

The bill passed by the legislature has been signed by the Governor, giving the Rumford Falls Court the sum of \$500 yearly, to maintain a law library in the new court house. The legislature has also provided for a permanent grand jury at the May term of the Oxford County Supreme Court held at Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McMaster of Somerset street will go to New York early in April to attend the wedding of their son, Henry McMaster.

Mr. Hugh J. Chisholm, who is always vitally interested in the welfare of Rumford, has made it known that he is greatly in favor of the village having an up-to-date fire station and has suggested as possible suitable location for such, four lots adjacent to the municipal building, comprising 8,000 feet at \$7,200. The lot would be 50x160. Prices have also been quoted on a lot 40x90 at the rear of the post office lot on River street at \$2 per square foot; also a lot at the corner of Canal and Bridge street, 50x30 at \$1.50 per square foot. Mr. Chisholm assures the committee on the matter that the Rumford Falls Power Company will do all in its power to aid the village in getting a new fire station. The committee recommends the lot on Congress street adjacent to the municipal building. Mr. R. L. McLeher, chairman of the committee.

Guards have been placed about the plant of the Fort Hill Chemical Company on Railroad street. While no trouble is actually feared, yet the management decided that it would be a very safe precaution.

The sum of \$4,000 has been appropriated by the Rumford Falls Village Corporation for the purchase of a motor ladder truck for the fire department. Rumford will hold the distinction of being the first place in the State to own a motor service ladder truck. Rumford was the second place in the State to own an automobile fire engine, and has the distinction of having the most efficient one at the present time. Rumford's is a six cylinder, 110 horse power engine, while those in Lewiston and Portland are four cylinder, 55 horse power.

Miss Louise Kibler, who left the Rumford Falls Trust Company in 1910 on account of ill health, has so far recovered as to accept the position as clerk at Hotel Barker, Bangor, Maine, for the coming summer.

Charles Kene, who has accepted the position of ticket agent for the Maine Central Railroad at the Rumford station for the past year or so, has resigned the position, effective March 1st, and has accepted a position as clerk in the Rumford National Bank.

Miss Elmer Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Thompson of Franklin street, is at home with her parents from Kennebago for a short vacation from her duties as teacher at Grant's Camp. She will return after Easter for the spring term.

The officers of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation for the coming year are: Clerk, O. A. Pettigrew; Treasurer, H. W. Derry; Auditor, J. H. Stevenson; Collector of Taxes, J. B. McManis; Assessor, J. B. Taylor.

TOWN ROAD OFFICIALS.

"There is at present no uniform system of road construction or maintenance followed by Massachusetts towns," said William A. Thibodeau, secretary of the Automobile Legal Association in discussing road officials recently.

"This is shown by the wide variation in one county. In this one county, six towns elect a board of selectmen who appoint a superintendent of streets. Six towns elect a board of road commissioners who act as highway surveyors, each having one district in charge. Four towns elect a board of selectmen who act as highway surveyors, each having a district in charge. Three towns elect one highway surveyor who has charge of highways. One town elects one highway surveyor who appoints district highway surveyors who have charge of highways. One town elects four highway surveyors who determine among themselves the district they shall serve. One town elects a superintendent of streets who has charge of highways. One town voted to leave the matter of repairing highways, town ways and bridges with the selectmen to do as they pleased.

"In another county, one town has 65 miles of road. Ten highway surveyors are elected and in order that there may be no jealousy, the money appropriated is divided equally among them, regardless of whether one district needs it more than the other. Another town elects two men to positions which are dignified by the names 'Road Commissioners,' (spelled with capital letters). One of the present commissioners, as shown by his printed card, is a dealer in coal and other fuel, fruit and vegetables and agent for a plow company; the other, 'and Dr. Somebody's pink pills for pale people. This versatile gentleman is supposed to assist in keeping approximately 100 miles of road in passable condition.

"A word might be said in defense of the road commissioner. His salary as a road official is so small that he is unable to make a living by building roads. The roads, on the other hand, if they are to be properly built, require the attention of somebody who has made a study of road building and who knows how to get the most for his money.

"In other words, the whole system is wrong. The supervision and control of the expenditure of public money should be in the hands of one who has demonstrated his ability to get a dollar's worth for a dollar on the particular work he is engaged in. A town spends thousands of dollars upon a road because of the selection of poor materials the road after improvement may be in worse condition than its was originally.

"The position of the highway surveyor or road commissioner is not a joke or a pastime. More and more money is being spent every year and the only way that results can be obtained is to remove road officials from political influence."

Mr. W. W. Davis and S. R. Penell. There was quite a contest over the choice of third selectman, but after three ballots, S. R. Penell was chosen by a vote of 10 to 8.

Mr. C. P. Water and P. M. Taylor. Fred B. Carroll was selected chief engineer of the fire department. Appropriations totalled \$34,000 to be raised by taxation, and \$2,500 for sewers to be raised by loan. At the close of the meeting Judge Matthew McCarthy of French Revolutionaries pledged loyal and undivided support to President Wilson, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and a storm of applause.

Deputy Sheriff L. L. Niles has purchased a new Ford automobile.

Chief of Police Doherty has caused all dynamite, so far as there is any known of in Rumford, to be collected and placed in the store house of the H. P. Cummings Construction Company, where it is kept quite safe and away from the town, except on special orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean W. Greene of Franklin street returned on Saturday from a three months' sojourn in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Stanley Hisey, who has been confined to his home as ill as he has been for the past three months by illness, is now able to ride out.

The ladies of the Maine Congregational church gave the Little Drama "The Old Peabody Farm," on Monday evening of this week in the church auditorium. Quite a neat little sum was realized for the benefit of the church itself.

He was a member of a regimental band, and he did not forget to play about it. "Why, man, we can play the most intricate airs at night," he was saying. "Indeed!" said the believing listener. "I should like to hear you play the airs the drum-major plays on."—J. H. Hisey.

ANDOVER

The annual parish meeting was held Monday P. M. at the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bodwell and daughter were guests Sunday of Mrs. John Howey and family.

John Grey has finished working in Roxbury for Roy Manzer.

Rena Bodwell, who has been assisting Mrs. C. A. Rand, has completed her work.

Frank Field, who has been working at Dennis, is in town, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Irving Akers.

Charles Poor was elected road commissioner, Monday.

The Grange Sewing Circle met Thursday with Mrs. Oscar Damon.

Clayton Sweet, Harry Thomas and Y. A. Thurston left town Monday for a trip to the eastern part of the State.

Mrs. Nathan Campbell and two children from Showhegan have been visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Akers were in Rumford, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards are living with Mr. Richards' father, David Richards, at his home, South Andover.

The selectmen are taking the inventory of the valuation of property this week.

Owen Lovejoy returned Saturday from his lumbering survey.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. E. A. Milton.

With the exception of the No. 4 school, all the town schools reopened this week. The list of teachers follows: Principal High School, Herman Dunham; Assistant High School, Mrs. E. C. Stuart; Village Grammar, Florence Akers; Village Intermediate, Gladys Howard; Village Primary, Effie Akers; South Andover, Irene Abbott; East Andover, Miss Hale.

Clarence Bailey has finished working in the woods for Lee Thurston.

Lois M. Grange held its regular all day meeting Saturday in the hall. The lecturer gave the following program:

Orange, Florence Akers, Singing, Quartet, Mrs. Geo. Learned, Mrs. C. A. Andrews, Miss Small, Miss Akers, Music, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Harold Richards, Lincoln Dresher, Singing, Orange.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Congregational church, Sunday morning.

Arthur Noble has finished working for Y. A. Thurston.

The Juvenile Whist Club met Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Morton.

Frank Akers, who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Helen McAllister at Oxford, and being treated by a Lewiston physician, is gaining in health.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church gave a musical and literary entertainment in the church, Wednesday evening, March 23, that was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Following is the program:

Organ Selection, Miss Howard, Reading, Mrs. Arthur Stevens, Singing, Annie Laurie, Little Brown Jug, Ben Bell, Cornet Solo, Mr. and Miss Small, Illustrated Song, From the Land of Sky, Blue Water, Illustrated Song, Mother Macbride, Piano Solo, Mr. French, Reading, Miss Andrews, Illustrated Song, Piano Solo, Mr. French, Piano Solo, Miss Akers, Pastimime.

SONGO POND.

Mrs. Phil McAllister of Norway visited her sister, Mrs. Herman Brown last week.

Mr. John Kimball with his bride, Miss Kimball, of Lewiston, visited his mother, Mrs. H. H. Kimball of Albany and brother, H. H. Kimball of Waterville last week.

Miss Vera Holt is visiting her mother, Miss Elsie Holt and family.

Mrs. Tom Logan and two children are visiting in Bethel, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mary Graves.

Miss Blanche Emery has returned to work at the Hapgood's.

Miss Ella Kimball, who has been visiting at Will Lane's in Bethel, returned home.

Tired!

Are you tired? Do you feel nervous? Is everything you do a strain? Do you feel that you are not getting any rest? Do you feel that you are not getting any work done? Do you feel that you are not getting any pleasure out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any satisfaction out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any happiness out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any peace out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any joy out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any love out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any life out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any hope out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any faith out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any charity out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any kindness out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any gentleness out of life? Do you feel that you are not getting any meekness out of life? 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**SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.**
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$305,000.00
Mortgage Loans	439,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	2,320,245.00
Cash in Office and Bank	110,524.81
Agents' Balances	578,558.51
Bills Receivable	37,151.60
Interest and Rents	47,972.43
All other Assets	2,782.42
Gross Assets	\$4,130,699.74
Deduct items not admitted	28,524.11
Admitted Assets	\$4,102,175.63
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$211,593.41
Unearned Premiums	2,361,225.47
All other Liabilities	40,184.00
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$4,102,175.63
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$4,102,175.63

**OLIVER FALLS INSURANCE CO.,
OLIVER FALLS, N. Y.**
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$63,474.87
Mortgage Loans	1,800,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	200,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank	3,000,000.00
Agents' Balances	211,000.00
Bills Receivable	27,000.00
Interest and Rents	37,000.00
All other Assets	4,500.00
Gross Assets	\$6,132,974.87
Deduct items not admitted	8,000.00
Admitted Assets	\$6,124,974.87
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$12,000.00
Unearned Premiums	2,500,000.00
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**POEMS WORTH
READING**

**WHO SHALL ROLL AWAY THE
STONE?**

"And they said among themselves,
"Who shall roll us away the stone from
the door of the sepulchre?" And when
they looked, they saw that the stone
was rolled away."—Mark xvi, 3, 4.

What poor weeping ones were saying
Eighteen hundred years ago,
We, the same weak faith betraying,
Say in our sad hours of woe;
Looking at some trouble lying
In the dark and dread unknown,
We, too, often ask with sighing,
"Who shall roll away the stone?"

Thus with care our spirits crushing,
When they might from care be free,
In joyous song outgushing,
Rise, with rapture, Lord, to Thee—
For before the way was ended,
Oft we've had with joy to own,
Angels have from heaven descended,
And have rolled away the stone.

Many a storm-cloud sweeping o'er us
Never pours on us its rain;
Many a grief we see before us
Never comes to cause us pain;
Oft times in the feared tomorrow
Sunshine comes—the clouds have
flown—
Ask not then in foolish sorrow,
"Who shall roll away the stone?"

Burden not thy soul with sadness,
Make a wiser, better choice;
Drink the wine of life with gladness—
God doth bid thee, man, rejoice,
In today's bright sunshine basking,
Leave tomorrow's tasks alone;
Spill not present joys by asking,
"Who shall roll away the stone?"—Selected.

EASTER BELLS.

Spring has come, wake up, wake up,
Little yellow buttercup,
When the bells for Easter chime,
Don't you know its wake-up time?

(Chorus)
Ring, ring Easter Bells,
Over the mountains, o'er the dells,
Ring, ring, sweetly chime,
Tell all the world its wake-up time.

In a garden far away,
Jesus our dear Saviour lay,
Every waking blossom shows,
From the sleep of death He rose.
When his children fall asleep,
His loving watch will keep,
Waking them to love and light,
In a house so pure and bright.

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In a house so pure and bright.

THIS MASTER IS RISEN INDEED.

Aye, the hills are pure in their beauty,
The roses are fragrant and sweet;
The music pours out like a sea wave,
Pulsing in praise at His feet—
Pulsing in passionate praises
That Jesus is risen again—
But we look for the signs of His living
In the hearts of the children and men.

Wherever a kind hand of pity
Falls soft on a wound or a sore;
Wherever a peep at a garden
Springs up to o'ercome a foe;
Wherever a heart's lonely misery
(Interludes in sorrow a woe),
Wherever springs healing for wounding,
The Master is risen indeed!

Wherever the soul of a people
Arises in courage and might,
And rings off the grave bonds that
shrouded
His hope in the gloom of the night;
Wherever in sight of God's legions
The armies of evil recede,
And truth wins a seat at a kingdom,
The Master is risen indeed.

As King our year business, blessed,
Being filled to altar and shrine;
Rings out, Easter bells, He is risen!
For now is the token and sign
That a world meeting upward and
outward,
Ye are called to the front, ye must
lead!

THE FIRST EASTER DAY.

Never so sweet a break
In all Jackson night,
Never so fair a sun
Rise o'er Judaea heights,
Never so hovering dove
Did all of heaven hush,
As we approached the tomb
The weeping Magdalene.

What sweetest growths her eyes
The tomb disclosed are they?
Should not a partial horror—
The vision is rolled away!
Vast the shadowing depth
Where he was laid to rest;
Vast the narrow space

My vision led me to a stable where
The cattle roared in the baby air
Through open doors—where grows
things hard the eye
And beat their never failing prophesy,
The sweet nature guards with jealous
care
Is shared by all—beasts, birds that
wing the air,
With humans feel the reawakening
That touches all at the approach of
Spring.

OUR MASTER LEXSON.

We bury a seed in the dark brown
earth,
Patiently waiting the hour of birth.

Daisy Baker's Mother Says

**It Really Doesn't Take
Much Time to Bake
at Home**

Many women hesitate about
baking at home because of the
time they think it will take.

The fact is that in these days
it doesn't take long at all. Sim-
ply use more yeast. It won't
taste in the bread if the dough
is closely watched and put in
the oven at the right time.

With prices the highest in
years, you owe it to yourself
and family to take the little
time necessary to bake at home.

Do your part in saving by ut-
ting your bread cost in two-
and give them better bread.

Of course, a lot depends on the
flour you use. My favorite is
William Tell. It has a deli-
cious natural flavor and won-
derful baking qualities. It's
made in Ohio—guaranteed un-
der the Ohio Better Flour
Label, by the Ansted and Burk
Company who make it, and by
the grocer who sells it.

Use WILLIAM TELL Flour

*The flour of the triple guarantee that takes
the ache out of labor and puts the flavor in.*

WHEREIN HIS BODY PREST.

Only the elements white
Where he, the Son, had lain;
Only at head and foot
The guardian angels twain—
The guarding angels twain,
Of gentle mien and grave,
To speak of words fulfilled
Of him who died to save.

How spread the mighty truth!
How all the earth divine!
What glorious promise he kept
The Saviour of mankind!
And so the world is glad
And men, rejoicing, pray,
As did his servants when
Came the first Easter day.

—Stanley Waterloo.

"EASTER."

"Christ is risen! I salute you."
Spoke the good in ancient times;
"Ah, indeed, the Christ is risen,"
Answer came with Easter chimes.

Far remote in lands made holy
By the presence of our Lord,
Where with bowed head, meek and
lowly,
He proclaimed His gracious word.

First is heard the joyous ringing
Of the bells on Easter morn;
"Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!"
Waile on exultant borne.

Over deserts, dry and arid,
From each parched, powerful plain,
Over mountains, over rivers,
Rolls the glad triumphant strain.

To the thirsty dying slavers,
To the proudly battling souls,
To the prayerful, to the doubting,
Gleam, gleam, still it rolls.

Breaks the ocean with its tidings,
Breaks open the hidden shore,
Easter's song of glory pealing,
"Christ is risen! Evermore!"

AN EASTER VISION.

An Easter vision dawned upon my view
Ere yet the swelling buds were green
of hue,
For the grave reopened to the sun
Of coming sunshine, did my eyes con-
jure

A spot where dumb things might their
praises raise
In thankfulness that life held pleasant
ways.
All nature bursting into bloom attests
The beauty the Creator manifests—
And gives us freely. Why should we
wonder?

Above, partakers of this royalty!
My vision led me to a stable where
The cattle roared in the baby air
Through open doors—where grows
things hard the eye
And beat their never failing prophesy,
The sweet nature guards with jealous
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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL
Events of Interest From Wash-
ington.

By J. E. Jones.
ENLISTMENTS AND A FEW OT-
HER THINGS.

All attempts to increase the mili-
tary establishment of the United
States have been met by stolid refus-
als of the young men of the country
to enlist. The Administration and Con-
gress constitute that part of the gov-
ernment whose habit it is to "keep
an ear to the ground." No one for a
moment supposes that the attitude
of the citizens with respect to joining
the army and navy indicates any lack
of patriotism. General Leonard Wood
made the unfortunate remark that the
patriots and their money were to
blame for the lack of enlistments. Gen-
eral Wood has been one of the chief
exponents of military preparedness and
the fact that he has been assigned to
a comparatively obscure station indi-
cates that the Administration has felt
that he has talked too much and too
unwisely, since he has been in charge
of the Eastern Division of the Army,
with headquarters in New York.

The fact that citizens remain away
from the recruiting stations is not out
of harmony with the policy maintained
in Washington itself. It has been
very clear that the President and Con-
gress have been trying to avoid a fight.
However, it is equally clear that the
President, the Congress, and the
American people are not afraid to en-
gage in war but they have regarded it
as the last alternative in our troubled
international condition. A great many
people are of the opinion that the
Spanish-American war might have
been averted and all that was obtained
by bloodshed and battle have been ac-
complished by peaceful means, had it
not been for hotheads of the period,
among whom were Colonel Roosevelt
and Elihu Root—who stand out to-day
as the foremost advocates favoring an
army of a million or more Americans
for military service in Europe.

Washington has been in an agitated
condition, and well it might be, since
a special session of Congress became
necessary because of our critical re-
lations with Germany. Nevertheless
there has been a marked conservatism
among statesmen who have not lost
their equilibrium simply because the
metropolitan press became hysterical.

The Emergency Peace Federation has
refused to slacken up its demand that
the United States keep out of the war,
and its energies have been directed
towards a position that would prevent,
as far as possible the drawing of this
country into the European war. There
is no question but what the peace
workers have plenty of encouragement
in Washington.

When Lincoln asked for 500,000 men
he got them without any difficulty; and
there were no lack of men in 1898,
when President McKinley issued his
call. Even though enlistments have
not been forthcoming within the past
few months, there is no reason to
think that the people of the United
States would refuse to give their ser-
vices should the condition become such
as to make enlistments necessary for
genuine reasons. But the hysteria of
censorial and military influences has
not been sufficient to sway the Ameri-
can people from their own natural
good judgment. President Wilson can
get plenty of soldiers and sailors in a
crisis and he knows it!

CARING FOR THE BABIES.
The children's Bureau at Wash-
ington says approximately one of ev-
ery ten babies born in the United
States dies before reaching its first
birthday. The Bureau states that "it
was once thought that a high infant
death rate indicated a greater degree
of vigor in the survivors. Now it is
agreed that the conditions that destroy
as many of the youngest lives of the
community must react unfavorably up-
on the health of the entire community."

Ballots on "Baby Week and
Baby Week Campaigns" are being in-
spected at the Children's Bureau at Wash-
ington, and it is the desire of the Bu-
reau that this celebration be observed
in every community in the United
States. Any one who writes will re-
ceive all information and instructions
as to how to proceed. The results have
already proved that lives of thousands
of babies may be saved simply by
taking advantage of the facilities of
the Government, that are free to ev-
erybody.

PRESIDENT CONTROLS CONGRESS.
The closeness existing in party cen-
tral in the House of Representatives
caused a great deal of speculation as
to whether the Democrats or Republi-
cans would obtain control of the low-
er branch of Congress. Evidently the
situation has in actuality been of more
interest to the members of the House
than to the country. Something like
\$2,000,000 of patronage, and the chair-
manships and principal places on com-
mittees has been at stake. The ques-
tion of control was long ago settled,
and President Wilson has held

the real power with hardly a break
since he has been in office. He can
make Congress jump through his hoop
today a great deal more easily than
he could a year ago, even though the
number of Republican members has
increased and the number of Demo-
cratic members has decreased.

**FIXING UP THE COLUMBIA BON-
US.**
Ever since President Roosevelt grab-
bed the Isthmus of Panama, there has
been constant agitation in Washing-
ton in favor of paying a big indemnity
to Colombia. That country's feel-
ings have been arranged so that Col-
umbia might receive its "prize pack-
age." The determined opposition of
the United States Senate against the
ratification of the treaty has resulted
in a new suggestion, which provides
payment of indemnities by the United
States, and a mutual expression of re-
gret for the ill feeling of the partici-
pation of Panama. The new treaty will
provide for session by Columbia of
the islands of St. Andrews and New
Providence, off the Panama coast, and
of the Atrato river canal route. The
islands are looked upon as of strate-
gic value. Provisions of this charac-
ter were in the first treaty negotiated
with Panama by Secretary Knox, in
the Taft administration.

Secretary Lansing is said to have
received assurances that these changes
would give the treaty a good chance of
ratification. The administration has
been anxious to put it through to
strengthen friendly relations with Cen-
tral and South America.

THE FAMILY BUDGET.
An authority upon domestic econo-
my has evolved the doctrine that "the
family budget" is an essential in ev-
ery household. This authority says
that the accomplishment of this pur-
pose leads to the attainment of "the
higher life." She defines this altru-
istic state of existence to mean "the
fun you get out of it." The simple
philosophy set forth is that if people
will have more sense they will like-
wise have more fun. Therefore it fol-
lows that if they will choose more
wisely their kind of rent and the way
they operate it; if they will live more
simply in the matter of food and dress,
they will have more for travel, books,
pictures, theatres and savings.

**BAD COUGH? FEVERISH?
GRIPPY?**

You need Dr. King's New Discovery
to stop that cold, the soothing balm
ingredients heal the irritated mem-
branes, soothe the sore throat, the an-
tisepsis qualities kill the germ and
your cold is quickly relieved. Dr.
King's New Discovery has for 49
years been the standard remedy for
coughs and colds in thousands of
homes. Get a bottle to-day and have
it handy in your medicine chest for
coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all
bronchial affections. At your drug
shop, 50c.

**NORTH AMERICAN ACCIDENT IN-
SURANCE CO., OF CHICAGO, ILL.**
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans	\$285,850.00
Stocks and Bonds	37,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank	44,474.77
Agents' Balances	86,775.19
Bills Receivable	47,586.21
Interest and Rents	18,881.41
Gross Assets	\$669,494.09
Deduct items not admitted	81,666.47
Admitted Assets	\$587,827.62
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$155,859.51
Unearned Premiums	2,321,111.17
All other Liabilities	43,322.41
Cash Capital	200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$587,827.62
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$587,827.62

CRISIS OF WOMAN'S LIFE

Change Safely Passed by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Wagoner, Okla.—"I never get tired of praising Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound because during Change of Life I was in bed two years and had two operations, but all the doctors and operations did me no good, and I would have been in my grave today had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

Such warning symptoms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dizziness, nervousness, irritability, constipation, variable appetite, weakness and dizziness should be heeded by middle-aged women. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has carried many women safely through the crisis.

FOOD FOR THE BABY CHICKS

By G. E. Conkey.

Much has been written of late about the use of sour milk or buttermilk in poultry feeding, and the progressive poultry raiser has been quick to realize its advantages and to use sour milk either in its ordinary form or in the prepared dry powdered form when he was not sure of the quality of ordinary buttermilk or could not get a steady supply of it.

While there are still many poultry raisers who do not fully realize the important part that soured milk or buttermilk plays in getting results from either chicks or fowls there has been a marked increase in the use of such milk products due to the emphasis laid on their valuable properties by the various government experimental station reports. The publication of their numerous tests in the feeding of soured milk to poultry have demonstrated clearly that buttermilk cannot entirely be replaced by any other materials in the ration, and this is especially true in the feeding of young chicks.

While sweet milk is extremely good for poultry feed, milk in a soured state is preferred in these government reports because soured milk seems to be more easily digested and in this form it is of greater assistance in the digestion of other foods. Soured milk also can be maintained in a more uniform condition, making it far more convenient for handling.

In the process of souring, milk undergoes certain changes in which some of the proteins are broken down into casein lactates and other forms, transferring about 1% of the milk sugar into lactic acid. Skin milk is about 10% solid matter and the analysis shows it to be rich in muscle forming material and well adapted to furnish certain much needed elements for a growing chick. A better growth is sure to result from the use of soured milk. It will cause the chicks to show more vigor and it has been conclusively demonstrated that soured milk or buttermilk is a most important agent in the reduction of mortality from bowel trouble, white diarrhea, and other causes.

Buttermilk can be fed in unlimited quantities without the least danger of harmful results and the degree of sourness will make no difference as long as it does not become musty or moldy. In the dry powdered form, as part of a complete baby chick food, buttermilk will keep all seasons long without becoming spoiled.

If you can produce some form of soured milk on the premises, or can conveniently obtain it at a reasonable price at a dairy or butter creamery, use it with out stint in the feeding of both chicks and fowls. If you can't get ordinary soured milk, get the prepared dry powdered form now on the market. It is as good as the old sour milk and its use will certainly far outweigh its slight cost. This is especially true in the case of chicks where the beneficial results of buttermilk are probably more noticeable. Buttermilk means strong, healthy chicks, and it is a very easy and big market. Buttermilk will help you raise chicks.

REAL SKIN ERUPTIONS

Infant eczema is more active in spring when the blood is overheated, the itching itching itchy is unbearable. It is at once and heal the cause with Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. This ointment is effective in all skin troubles. Eczema, blackheads, acne, freckles, ringworm, scaly blotchy skin, all respond to Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Get it to day at your druggist, 50c. Guaranteed.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' AGRICULTURAL CLUBS ORGANIZED.

Maine boys and girls have only a few weeks left in which to enroll in the Agricultural Clubs conducted by the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, University of Maine, Orono.

Local leaders of clubs are requested to send in enrollment lists for Poultry Clubs before April 16th, 1917, and enrollment lists for Canning Clubs, Garden Clubs, Pig Clubs, Potato Clubs, and Sweet Corn Clubs before May 1st, 1917, in order that the necessary instruction sheets may be sent out in time for the members to begin work at the proper season.

During April enrollment cards and blanks for the purpose of organizing clubs will be supplied upon request.

RULES FOR CLUB PROJECTS.

Canning Clubs—Each member must put up fifty jars of fruits and vegetables, including ten jars of different varieties for exhibit.

Garden Clubs (large project)—Each member must plant and care for truck garden of at least one-twentieth acre.

Garden Clubs (small project)—Each member must plant and care for a home garden of at least one square rod.

Pig Clubs—Each member must procure before June first a pig born not earlier than April first, and care for it until fall.

Potato Clubs—Each member must have a potato plot of at least one-eighth acre.

Poultry Clubs—Each member must make two settings of thirteen eggs each to be hatched not later than May 15 and care for the chickens until fall. Enrollment for Poultry Clubs closes April 16.

Sweet Corn Clubs—Each member must have a sweet corn plot of one-quarter acre.

ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL CLUBS.

Six members between the ages of ten and eighteen are required to form a club. People over eighteen years of age may be accepted by a two-thirds vote of the club as associate members and will be entitled to all the privileges of the club except the right to compete in contests.

A local leader who is a competent man and woman interested in the children of the locality and the object of the club must be found to take active charge of club activities, including meetings, and to advise the members in their agricultural and domestic science operations.

At the first meeting of the club the members should elect officers and talk over plans for securing seed, fertilizer, or animals with which to start their season's work.

GENERAL CLUB.

The General Club is for young people who live in a locality where it does not seem possible to organize a local club. They may join the General Club and work from instructions sent directly to them by the Extension Service. Enrollment cards will be furnished upon application to the Extension Service.

WHAT THE UNIVERSITY WILL DO.

The Extension Service of the College of Agriculture through the County Agents, the State Leader of Clubs and his assistants will assist in organizing clubs by sending literature and speakers, will furnish printed instructions for club members to work by and will advise local leaders.

This Service is given entirely free of charge and is offered to any community in the State as long as the time of the workers permit.

PRIZES.

The Maine Canners' Association has offered \$2,500 in prizes for Sweet Corn Clubs. \$2,000 of this will be distributed at county contests and \$500 in scholarships at the State Contest at Orono. Prizes ranging from \$1 to \$15 will be awarded at county contests. The scholarships awarded at the State Contest will be as follows: One \$100 scholarship; one \$75 scholarship; three \$50 scholarships.

Prizes to be offered at the county and State contests to members of other than Sweet Corn Clubs will be raised during the year by subscriptions from Boards of Trade, banks, firms, agricultural and industrial.

ORGANIZE NOW.

Interest the people in your community, appoint a committee, find a local leader, enroll six or more young people, and write for enrollment cards and blanks. Remember that enrollment closes for Poultry Clubs April 16th, for all other clubs May 1st.

CLEAR YOUR SKIN IN SPRING

Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull, pimply skin is an aftermath of winter laziness. Fresh your complexion with a mild laxative and clear skin the accumulated wastes, easy to take, they are not grips. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eyes. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills to night and throw off the sluggish winter shell. At drug stores.

PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE



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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, eldest of five motherless girls, comes to the Methodist parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his disgust, and Prudence is the only one who is not disgusted.

CHAPTER III.—Prudence and her father receive the Ladies' Aid society while Lark and Connie practice modeling in mind on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV.—The twins prepare a comedy for initiation into their private society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V.—When Fairy entertains Eugene Harmer in the evening, the twins receive Prudence that etiquette has been placed in the dining room table.

CHAPTER VI.—Connie practices economy by borrowing \$100 from one of the trustees to buy a new dress and unconsciously teaches the church pillars a lesson.

CHAPTER VII.—Connie captures a rabbit and wins \$500 reward.

CHAPTER VIII.—Prudence takes an early morning bicycle ride and rides into a mile, a sprained ankle and a romance. The knight of romance is Jerrold Harmer.

"I'll begin my book right away," Lark was saying. She and Connie were in the dining room, madly polishing their Sunday shoes, what time they were not performing the marriage ceremony of their sister and the hero.

"Yes, do! But for goodness' sake, don't run her into a mile! Seems to me even Prudence could have done better than that."

"I'll begin my automobile break down in the middle of the road, and Prudence can run into it. The carburetor came out, and of course the car wouldn't run an inch without it."

"Yes, that's good," said Carol approvingly. "It must be a sixty-cylinder, eight horse power—tonneau or something real big and costly."

"Twins! You won't be ready," warned Prudence, and this dire possibility sent them flying upstairs in a panic.

While the girls, bubbling over with excitement, were dressing for the great event, Mr. Starr went downstairs to sit with Prudence. Carol called to him on his way down, and he paused on the staircase, looking up at her.

"Lark and I are going to use some of Fairy's powder, father," she said. "We feel that we simply must on an occasion like this. And for goodness' sake, don't mention it before him! It doesn't happen very often, you know, but today we simply must. Now, don't you say anything about falling in the four barrel, or turning pale all of a sudden, whatever else you do. We'd be so mortified, father."

Mr. Starr was concerned with weightier matters, and went on down to Prudence with never so much as a reproving shake of the head for the worldly-minded young twins.

"Father," began Prudence, her eyes on the face covered, "do you think it would be all right for me to wear that silk dressing gown of mother's? I need something over my nightgown, and my old flannel kimono is so ugly. You know, mother said I was to have it and—I'm twenty now. Do you think it would be all right? But if you do I don't want me to wear it."

"I do want you to," was the prompt reply. "Yes, it is quite time of your wearing it. I'll get it out of the trunk myself, and send Fairy down to help you." Then as he turned toward the door, he asked casually, "Is he very good-looking, Prudence?"

And Prudence, with a crimson face, answered quickly, "Oh, I really didn't notice, father."

He went on upstairs then, and presently Fairy came down with the dainty silk gown trimmed with fine soft lace. "I brought my lavender ribbon for your hair, Prudence. It will match the gown so nicely. Oh, you do look sweet, dearest. I pity I must hurry, I can tell you that. Now I must hurry and finish my own dressing."

But with her foot on the bottom step, she paused. Her sister was calling after her. "Read father down here, quick, Fairy."

Father ran down quickly, and Prudence, catching hold of his hands, whispered excitedly, "Oh, father, he—he is good-looking. I—I did notice it. I didn't really mean to lie to you."

"There, now, Prudence," he said, kissing her tenderly, "you mustn't get excited again. I'm afraid you are too nervous to have callers. You must lie very quietly until he comes. That was no lie, child. You are so upset you do not know what you are saying today. Be quiet now, Prudence. It's nearly time for him to come."

"You are a dear good father," she cried, kissing his hands passionately, "but it was a lie. I did know what I was saying. I did it on purpose."

And Mr. Starr's heart was heavy, for he knew that his tears were realized.

CHAPTER X.

Roused from Her Slumber.

At twenty minutes to four, the parsonage family clustered excitedly in the sitting room, which the sunshine flooded cheerily. They were waiting for the hero of Prudence's romance.

"Oh, Larkie, will you run upstairs and bring my lace handkerchief? Would you keep these pearls on Fairy, or would you take them off?"

"I would keep them on, Prue. You do look so sweet, but your face is very flushed. I am afraid you are feverish. Maybe we had better not let him see Prue today, father."

"Fairy!" exclaimed Prudence. "Listen, listen, girls! Look, Fairy, and see if that is he! Yes, it is, I know—I can tell by his walk." Warm rich color dyed her face and throat, and she clasped her hands over her heart, wondering if Connie beside her could hear its tumult.

"I'll go to the door," said Father Starr, and Prudence looked at him beseechingly.

"I—I am sure he is all right, father. I—you will be nice to him, won't you?" Without answering, Mr. Starr left the room. He could not trust his voice.

"Listen, girls, I want to hear," whispered Prudence. And she smiled as she heard her father's cordial voice.

"You are Mr. Harmer, aren't you? I am Prudence's father. Come right in. The whole family is assembled to do you honor. The girls have already made you a prince in disguise. Come back this way, Prudence is resting very nicely."

When the two men stepped into the sitting room, Prudence, for once, quite overlooked her father. She lifted her eyes to Jerrold Harmer's face, and waited, breathless. Nor was he long

from Des Moines to Mount Mark? If quired Carol in a subdued and respectful voice, and curious, withal.

"From Des Moines," he gasped. "Good heavens! I did not walk from Des Moines! Did you?" He turned to Prudence questioning. "Did you think I walked clear from Des Moines?"

"Yes." And added hastily, "But I did not care if you did. It did not make any difference how you came."

For a moment he was puzzled. Then he burst out laughing. "I am afraid we had too much to talk about this morning. I thought I had explained my situation, but evidently I did not. I drove from Des Moines in the car, and—"

"The automobile?" gasped Carol, with a triumphant look at Lark.

"Yes, just so. I stopped at several places on business as I came through. I drove from Burlington this morning, but I got off the road. The car broke down on me, and I couldn't fix it. That is what I was seeing about to-day, sending a man out for the car, and saying, 'What in the world did you think I would walk from Des Moines for?'" he asked Prudence, more inquisitive than grammatical.

"I did not think anything about it until they asked, and—I did not know about the car. You did not mention it."

"No, I remember now. We were talking of other things all the time." He turned frankly to Mr. Starr. "Perhaps you have heard of the Harmer automobile company of Des Moines. My father was Harvey Harmer. Two years ago, when I was running around in Europe, he died. It was his desire that I should personally take charge of the business. So I hurried home, and have had charge of the company since then. We are establishing sales agencies here, and in Burlington, and several other towns. I came out for a little trip, and took advantage of the opportunity to discuss the business with you, now men. That's what brought me to Mount Mark."

For the first time in her life, Prudence distinctly triumphed over her father. She flashed him the glance of a conqueror, and he nodded, understandingly. He liked Jerrold Harmer, as much as he could like any man who stepped seriously into the life of Prudence. He was glad that things were well. But they would excuse him, he must not after his Sunday's sermon.

A little later the twins and Connie grew restless, and finally Connie blurted out, "Say, Prue, don't you think we've upheld the parsonage long enough? I want to get some fresh air." The twins would never have been guilty of such social indiscretion as this, but they gladly availed themselves of Connie's "break," and followed her out-of-doors. Then Fairy got up, laughing. "I have done my share, too. I think we'll leave the parsonage in your hands now, Prue. I want to write to Aunt Grace. I'll be just at the head of the stairs, and if Prudence wants me, you will call, won't you, Mr. Harmer? And won't you stay for dinner with us? I'm sure to disgrace the parsonage again, for I am no cook, but you can get along for once, surely. We spend more time laughing when the food is bad, and laughter is very healthful. You will stay, won't you?"

Jerrold Harmer looked very eager, and yet he looked somewhat doubtfully at Prudence. Her eyes were eloquent with entreaties. Finally he laughed, and said, "I should certainly like to stay, but you see I want to come back tomorrow. Now, will I dare to come back tomorrow if I stay for dinner tonight? Wouldn't Connie say that was disgracing the parsonage?"

Fairy laughed delightedly. "That is very good," she said. "Then you will stay. I'll try to fix it up with Connie to save the reputation of the house."

No, they did not quote poetry, they did not discuss the psychological intricacies of spontaneous attraction, they did not say anything deep, or wise, or learned. But they smiled at each other, with pleased investigating eyes. He put his hand on the coverlet, just near enough to touch the lace on the sleeve of her silk dressing gown. And together they found paradise in the shabby sitting room of the old Methodist parsonage that afternoon.

"Must you prepare meat for breakfast half an hour before cooking, or when?" demanded Fairy, from the dining room door.

"What?—Oh!—Fifteen minutes before. Don't forget to salt and pepper the crumbs, Fairy."

"Perhaps some time your father will let you and a couple of the others come to Des Moines with me in the car. You would enjoy a few days there, I know. I live with my aunt, a dear, motherly little old soul. She will adore you, Prudence, and you will like her, too. Would your father let you spend a week? We can easily drive back and forth in the car."

"Maybe he will, but who will keep the parsonage while I am away?"

"Fairy, to be sure. She must be a good fairy once in a while. We can take the twins with us, Connie, too, if you like, and Fairy will only have to mother poor father."

"Prudence, what we have tea or coffee?" This was Lark from the doorway. "Fairy wants to know."

"What?—Oh!—Which do you want, Jerry?"

"Which does your father prefer?"

"He doesn't drink either except for breakfast."

"I generally drink coffee, but I do not care much for it, so he does not drink it."

"Coffee, Lark."

"Did you ever have a lover, Prudence? A real lover, I mean."

"No, I never did."

"How long did it take you coming

"I'm awfully kind of that. I'll—"

"Prudence, do you use half milk and half water for creamed tomato soup, or all milk?"

"What?—Oh!—All milk, Connie, and tell Fairy not to salt it until it is entirely done, or it may curdle."

"What in the world would they ever do without you, Prudence? You are the soul of the parsonage, aren't you?"

"No, I am just the cook and the chambermaid," she answered, laughing. "But don't you see how hard it will be for me to go away?"

"But it isn't fair! Vacation is coming now, and Fairy ought to take a turn. What will they do when you get married?"

"I have always said I would not get married."

"But don't you want to get married, some time?"

"Oh, that isn't it. I just can't because I must take care of the parsonage, and raise the girls. I can't."

"But you will," he whispered, and his hand touched hers for just a second. Prudence did not answer. She lifted her eyes to his face, and caught in her breath once more.

A little later he said, "Do you mind if I go upstairs and talk to your father a few minutes? Maybe I'd better."

"But do not stay very long," she urged, and she wondered why the brightness and sunshine vanished from the room when he went out. "First door to the right," she called after him.

Mr. Starr arose to greet him, and welcomed him to his combination study and bedroom with great friendliness. But Jerrold went straight to the point.

"Mr. Starr, it's very kind of you to receive a perfect stranger as you have me. But I understand that with a girl like Prudence, you will want to be careful. I can give you the names of several prominent men in Des Moines, Christians, who know me well, and can tell you all about me."

"It isn't necessary. We are parsonage people, and are accustomed to receiving men and women as worthy of our trust, until we find them different. We are glad to count you among our friends."

"Thank you, but—you see, Mr. Starr, this is a little different. Some day, Prudence and I will want to be married, and you will wish to be sure about me."

"Does Prudence know about that?"

"No," with a smile, "we haven't got that far yet. But I am sure she feels it. She hasn't—well, you know what I mean. She has been asleep, but I believe she is waking up now."

"Yes, I think so. Do you mind if I ask you a few questions?"

"No, indeed. Anything you like."

"Well, first, are you a Christian?"

"Not the kind you are, Mr. Starr. I go to church, and I believe the Bible, though I seldom read it. But I'll get busy now, if you like. I know Prudence would make me do that." And he smiled again.

"Do you drink?"

"I did a little, but I promised Prudence this morning I would quit it. I smoke, too. Prudence knows it, but she did not make me promise to quit that?" His voice was raised, inquiringly.

"Would you have promised, if she had asked it?"

"I suppose I would." He flushed a little. "I know I was pretty hard hit,

and it was such a new experience that I would have promised anything she asked. But I like smoking."

"Never mind the smoking. I only asked that question out of curiosity. Tell me about your relations with your mother when she was living."

"She has been dead four years."

Jerrold spoke with some emotion. "We were great chums, though her health was always poor. When I was in school, I spent all my vacations at home to be with her. And I never went abroad until after her death because she did not like the idea of my going so far from her."

"Jerrold, my boy, I do not want to seem too severe, but—tell me, has there been anything in your life, about women that could come out and hurt Prudence later on?"

Jerrold hesitated. "Mr. Starr, I have been young, and headstrong, and impulsive. I have done some things I wish now I hadn't. But I believe there is nothing that I could not explain to Prudence as she would understand."

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